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SUBJECT: \$10,000,000 GRANT TO UNRWA

REF: BEIRUT 1806

1. DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETING URGENTLY PROCEDURES FOR 10 MILLION DOLLAR GRANT TO UNRWA. EXECUTION OF GRANT WILL REQUIRE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS WITH UNRWA. IN VIEW OF UNRWA'S PRESSING NEEDS, WE WILL MAKE THIS EXCHANGE IN FIRST INSTANCE BY CABLE, TO BE FOLLOWED BY FORMAL CEREMONY FOR UNRWA CONGEN RENNIE AND AMB. KELLOGG DURING LATTER'S FEB. 28-MARCH 4 VISIT TO BEIRUT. DETAILS ON CEREMONY FOLLOW SEPTEL.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER FOLLOWING LETTER IS ACCEPTABLE TO UNRWA AND ADVISE DEPT. IMMEDIATELY. IF ACCEPTABLE, DEPT. WILL INSTRUCT ON EXECUTION OF LETTER ASAP.

3. "DEAR MR. COMMISSIONER-GENERAL: I AM PLEASED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE A SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION OF \$10,000,000 TO THE UNRWA OVER

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AND ABOVE OUR NORMAL CONTRIBUTION FOR 1975.

"THESE FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN ASSURING THE MAINTENANCE OF A LEVEL OF SERVICES CONSISTENT WITH THOSE LEVELS PROVIDED IN RECENT YEARS TO PALESTINIAN REFUGEES

IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE FUNDS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL, HEALTH AND SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING SERVICES TO PALESTINE REFUGEES DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1975 TO DECEMBER 31, 1975. IT IS AGREED THAT THESE FUNDS WILL BE DEPOSITED AND MAINTAINED IN A SEPARATE ACCOUNT AND THAT UNRWA WILL SOLICIT CONTRIBUTIONS TO IT FROM OTHER SOURCES.

"IT IS FURTHER UNDERSTOOD THAT THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY WILL TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES TO ASSURE THAT NO PART OF THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE USED TO FURNISH ASSISTANCE TO ANY REFUGEE WHO IS RECEIVING MILITARY TRAINING AS A MEMBER OF THE SO-CALLED PALESTINE LIBERATION ARMY OR ANY OTHER GUERRILLA-TYPE ORGANIZATION OR WHO HAS ENGAGED IN ANY ACT OF TERRORISM.

"I WOULD APPRECIATE PROGRESS REPORTS ON THE PROGRAM, A REPORT ON THE UTILIZATION OF THESE FUNDS, AND A LETTER CONFIRMING ACCEPTANCE OF THIS SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION."

4. "SEPARATE ACCOUNT" MEANS SEPARATE BANK ACCOUNT MAINTAINED BY UNRWA FOR THIS PURPOSE. ACCOUNT CAN BE IN ANY BANK CONVENIENT FOR UNRWA. ADVISE WHERE UNRWA WOULD LIKE TREASURY CHECK DELIVERED. INGERSOLL

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